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~~31. The motorcycle stand in accordance with claim 27 including an angled V-flange extending from an upper end of the wheel stop.--~~

REMARKS

Applicant submits that the claims pending in the present application, namely claims 1-31, are allowable over the art of record and respectfully request early indication of same.

Attached hereto are pages 4-5 entitled "CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS". Also attached hereto as Exhibits A are pages 6-12 entitled "EXHIBIT A - CLEAN SET OF ALL PENDING CLAIMS FOLLOWING ENTRY OF THE PRESENT PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT".

Should the proper fee not be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, or otherwise improper, or missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present preliminary amendment, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted.

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS

--27. A motorcycle stand for securing a motorcycle in an upright orientation, the motorcycle having at least one of a front wheel and a rear wheel, the device comprising:

a frame; and

a wheel locking assembly, the wheel locking assembly configured to receive the front wheel or the rear wheel from a surface on which the motorcycle is resting,

the wheel locking assembly including a pivoting saddle mounted to the frame, the saddle having a concave shape and including an entrance portion lying substantially on the surface for receiving the wheel of the motorcycle and a rear portion opposite the entrance portion, the saddle configured for pivoting between an entry position wherein the entrance portion lies on the surface and a locking position wherein the entrance portion is raised from the surface, the saddle further including a pivot between the entrance portion and the rear portion, the saddle configured to pivot from the entry position to the locking position when the wheel passes beyond the pivot,

the wheel locking assembly further including a wheel stop at about the rear portion for engaging and securing the wheel when the motorcycle is moved onto the stand and when the wheel is positioned in the saddle beyond the pivot such that the saddle pivots to the locking position,

wherein the motorcycle is maintained in the upright orientation by lockingly securing the wheel between the wheel stop and saddle pivoted into the locking position.--

--28. The motorcycle stand in accordance with claim 27 wherein the pivoting saddle includes a pair of angled arms extending outwardly from the rear portion thereof.--

--29. The motorcycle stand in accordance with claim 27 wherein the front wheel stop includes an upwardly extending surface for engaging the front wheel.--

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--30. The motorcycle stand in accordance with claim 29 wherein the upwardly extending surface has a structural channel configuration having a transverse bend therein.--

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